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Reports from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever at Alacranes—House to house inspection reestablished—Daily inspection of vessels from Habana ordered.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, October 16 and 22, as follows:

Week ended October 13, 1906. Bills of health issued to 2 vessels leaving for United States ports, and 1 health and acclimation certificate granted to a passenger going to the United States via Habana.

A new invasion of yellow fever occurred at Alacranes, Matanzas Province, on the 2d instant. I have address a communication to the provincial governor requesting him to issue orders to the effect that all communicable diseases, particularly yellow fever, be promptly reported to this office.

No quarantinable diseases were reported during the week.

Week ended October 20, 1906. Bills of health issued to 3 vessels leaving this port for the United States, and 2 health certificates granted to passengers bound to the United States via Habana.

No quarantinable diseases reported.

The brigade for house-to-house inspection and sanitation, which was abolished in September last, has been reestablished, and is again doing good work.

A daily inspection of vessels arriving from Habana has been ordered at this port, but no restriction on travel by land is yet being enforced.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, October 17, as follows:

Week ended October 13, 1906. Bills of health issued to 7 vessels bound for the United States. No vessel was fumigated.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

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Report from Guayaquil—Summary for month of September, 1906—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Smallpox and yellow fever—Case of leprosy on steamship Guatemala for Ancon.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports as follows:

Month of September, 1906. Bills of health issued to 11 vessels, 10 of which were fumigated. Twenty-three immune certificates issued and 30 persons vaccinated.

One case of leprosy was discovered in the steerage of the steamship *Guatemala*, bound for Ancon, Canal Zone. The man embarked in Paíta for Guayaquil, and being an Ecuadorean was landed by the authorities at this port.

There were 39 deaths from smallpox and 5 from yellow fever during the month. Both diseases exist in various other ports and adjacent towns, but statistics are not obtainable.

An effort is being made to begin a campaign against yellow fever.

The number of infected mosquitoes in Guayaquil is probably considerable, but nonimmune material is scarce. At least 4 cases of yellow fever have been treated in private houses during the month, and so far as I have been able to learn no precautions were taken. Many